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CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 1069.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion is successful. LB 1069 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next legislative bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 940 was a bill introduced by the Government Committee, signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9 of this year, at that time referred to the Government Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM2517, Legislative Journal page 581.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: As Chairperson of the committee, Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on LB 940.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you. Mr. President and members, the Government Committee, as you know, every two years, compiles a report on every statutory board and commission in the state. And for those of you who don't recollect, it's a nice thick book, and tells you about all those boards and commissions. Then in the off year, the committee looks at all the information that we have compiled, and try to determine, through committee staff and help from Legislative Research, whether any of these boards and commissions are unnecessary or unproductive. And we start with a survey that committee staff does and it takes a lot of time, I have to tell you. And then we ask for input from this body, and then we make further inquiries through Legislative Research primarily. But this year, we determined 13 boards and commissions should be eliminated. I'm quickly going to mention them: the Ag Structure Assessment Task Force; the Nebraska Antique Farm Machinery and Equipment Commission; the Economic Development Commission, and incidentally, this commission will be restored in the committee amendment; the Election Process Task Force; the Electronic Benefit System Task Force; the Ethanol Pricing Task Force; the Fatigue Counter-Measure Task Force; the Task Force on the Productive Integration of the Immigrant Work Force; the Juvenile Diversion, Detention, and Probation Services Implementation Team; the Nebraska Futures Center; the Nebraska State Patrol Study Task Force; the Substance Abuse Treatment Task Force; and the Water